PUBLIC NOTICE

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services

Partial Opening of Public Shellfish Fishery Area 136 (Windmill Point) — Effective 11/12/18

The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 08.02.04.11E, announces that the previously closed section of Public Shellfish Fishery Area (PSFA) 136 will be open to oyster harvest effective November 12, 2018 through March 31, 2019 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only. This area was previously closed by public notice October 1, 2016. The area is described below and will be marked by buoys. The opening was requested by the Charles County oyster committee. The area was planted in 2015 and recent survey work shows the presence of market-sized oysters. PSFAs are described in "Public Shellfish Fishery Areas of the Chesapeake Bay and Its Tidal Tributaries (November 2016)", which is incorporated by reference in COMAR 08.02.04.17.

Special Harvest Conditions for This Area: No more than 8 bushels of oysters per licensee per day and 16 bushels of oysters per boat per day may be taken from this area or in possession while actively engaged in oyster harvest in this area. This area is only open for harvest on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

All other rules remain in effect.

For any questions or comments contact Frank Marenghi, Shellfish Division at 410-260-8302.

Windmill Point (PSFA 136 (NOB 20-3): Wicomico River (West))

The section of PSFA 136 being opened is: All of the waters of the Wicomico River enclosed by a line beginning at a point defined by Lat. 38°18.801' N, Long. 76°50.937' W, then running 356° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.096' N, Long. 76°50.961' W, then running 77° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.146' N, Long. 76°50.684' W, then running 166° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°18.842' N, Long. 76°50.590' W, then running 261° True to the point of beginning.

Mark Belton Secretary of Natural Resources